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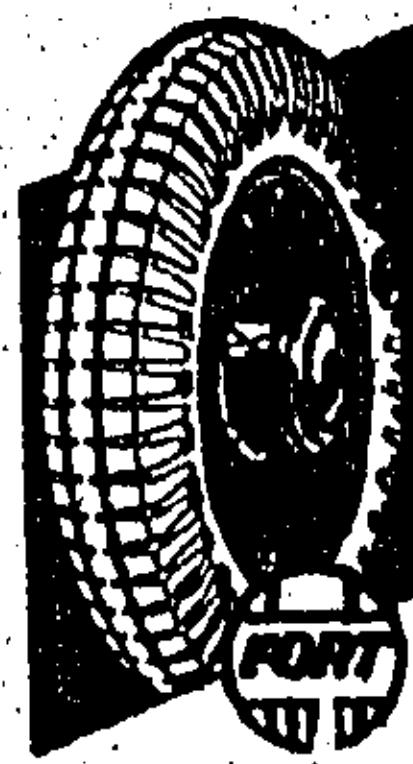
TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/5 9/16.

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LEAGUE COUNCIL

THE RESOLUTION PASSED.

MANCHURIA

CHINA - JAPAN ACCEPT.

Paris, Yesterday. M. Briand opened the public meeting just before 5 o'clock to-day. General Dauves was not present in spite of general expectation.

After introductory remarks, M. Briand called on Mr. Yoshizawa to speak.

Mr. Yoshizawa said: He wished to thank the "councillors" for their courtesy in complying with his request to adjourn the meeting till to-day, also expressed the gratitude and sincere appreciation of the Japanese Government for the efforts displayed in trying to find an answer to this question.

There were special circumstances making the question difficult.

JAPANESE CABINET RESIGNING?

Tokyo, To-day. The Asahi and Yomiuri report that the Cabinet has decided to resign. Confirmation, however, is lacking, though resignation to-day is generally anticipated. —Reuter.

difficult, namely distance and diversity of interests engaged.

Proceeding, Mr. Yoshizawa announced acceptance of the League's resolution by the Japanese Government.

Mr. Yoshizawa also said that the Council had dealt with the question in a spirit of conciliation, goodwill and patience. Thanks to the fact manifested a draft resolution had been drawn up which offered the best means of settlement. The Japanese Government had instructed him to accept the resolution on the understanding that paragraph two would not prevent Japanese military authorities taking action in defence of the lives and property of Japanese nationals against attacks by bandits and other lawless elements in Manchuria.

Chinese Statement.

Dr. Alfred Sze followed Mr. Yoshizawa with a long statement embodying the eight points which the Chinese intended to discharge in good faith. Every obligation, he said, assumed in agreeing to the resolution, as interpreted by M. Briand, the arrangements being practical, were designed to meet the pending emergency; therefore, it was necessary, in the interest of complete understanding, to record certain observations and reservations in principle.

Thanks.

Lord Cecil, following Dr. Sze, thanked his Chinese and Japanese colleagues for accepting the resolution.

Not a Precedent.

Latin-American delegates were at pains to emphasise that the resolution dealt with exceptional and complex circumstances and should not be regarded as a precedent.

American Participation.

M. Briand said that American participation had shown a constant parallel interest in collaborating with the efforts of the Council.

M. Briand finally submitted the resolution to the Council which accepted it unanimously.

The public meeting opened at 4.42 o'clock in the afternoon and concluded at 6.25 p.m.—Reuter.

BANDIT DRIVE

IN TAI PENG DISTRICT.

CHIEF CAUGHT MANY BANDITS KILLED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Mong Kong, Kwong Sai, Dec. 8. Bandits are being cleared out of the country round about Mong Kong on the West river in Kwong Sai. The 64th Regiment of the 22nd Division, 8th Army, under the leadership of Chief Commander Lin Tait, is working night and day attacking bandit strongholds in the Tai Peng district.

In the recent fighting, twenty bandits were killed and about sixty taken prisoners. Among the prisoners taken were the bandit chief and his two lieutenants. The chief has been taken to Wuchow for trial, while the other bandit prisoners are being kept bound in Mong Kong. The fate of these prisoners has not yet been learned.

If all the soldiers in China were as diligent about rounding up bandits as the soldiers of the 22nd Division are about Mong Kong, China would soon be rid of her bandit problem.

ESTATES LEFT.

Bank Accountant's \$213,700.

A SHORT WILL.

Angus Boyd, formerly an accountant of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ceylon, left estate in the Colony valued at \$213,700, and personal estate and effects in England and Scotland valued at £3,432. 19s. The deceased, who was late of Chelston Dene, Maitland Crescent, Colombo, Ceylon, where he died on January 23, 1931, was a native of Windygoul, Dunblane, Scotland. Resealing of the testament-testament of unquiehle has been granted by the Supreme Court to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, solicitor, the lawful attorney of the widow, Mrs. Hilda Grace Bawtree, or Boyd, who is the sole executrix named in the will, which leaves the entire estate to her.

Merchant's \$46,000. Estate in Hong Kong valued at \$46,700 is left by Li Lin-tai, alias Li Yu-chung, alias Li Ngok-hing, alias Li Sau Yee Tong, merchant, late of 7, Queen Victoria Street, Hong Kong, who died at 44, Nga Yiu Hau Street, Canton, on July 21, 1930, aged 70 years.

Letters of administration, with will annexed, have been granted to the testator's widow, Li Liu Shi, and his son, Li Shiu-sing, also a merchant, both of 7, Queen Victoria Street.

In his will, which is remarkably short for a Chinese document of this nature, the testator left his entire estate to his widow and son, for "both to administer with full power."

Shaukiwan Merchant's \$8,000. Cheung Tin-sung, merchant, late of 32, Main Street, Shaukiwan East, who died at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, on February 18, 1931, left estate in the Colony valued at \$8,300.

Probate of his will has been granted to his widow, Tsang Chuen-tai, and his widowed aunt, Li Kiu, both of 32, Main Street, Shaukiwan East, the executrices named in the will.

Besides his widow, the testator is survived by concubine, two sons and two daughters, and the will makes bequests to all.

M. Henri Cochet, the famous lawn tennis player, is now taking lessons in flying at Villacoublay Aerodrome.

BRITAIN YET REMAINS WORLD'S GREATEST CREDITOR NATION

GOVERNMENT'S CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE POLICY CLEARLY ENUNCIATED

SHARP PRACTICE RUMOURS DENOUNCED

HOW ICE JAM IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CAN BE THAWED OUT — REPARATIONS AND WAR DEBTS.

The House of Commons, debating the Labourite motion of censure, loudly cheered Mr. Neville Chamberlain when he said that Britain yet remained the greatest creditor nation in the world, and that when the world conditions settled down once more, sterling will resume its place as the principal standard of international credit.

Mr. Chamberlain denied that there was any reason to fear a serious deficit in the Budget this year, still less next year. There was every reason to suppose that Government would be able to meet its obligations out of current annual revenue and simultaneously make substantial provision for debt redemption.

The House of Commons defeated to-day the Labour motion of censure by 439 votes to 44.—Reuter.

Means of Restoring Confidence.

An important statement was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, on Government's policy in regard to currency and exchange problems. The statement proved to be the feature of the resumed debate.

Mr. Chamberlain said that although the present situation was not altogether satisfactory, he did not regard the recent fall in the exchange value of the £ with serious apprehension.

It was easier to see the unsatisfactory state of things than to decide upon a remedy, but there was one question which, it seemed to him, might, if wisely handled, have a greater effect than anything else in restoring confidence, the lack of which was the basic cause of international financial troubles.

That was a settlement of the Reparations and War Debt question.

He said he hoped the experts at Basle would be able to report, if not before, at any rate, soon after the end of the year.

Their report, he thought, would be followed by a meeting of the Governments concerned, and he earnestly hoped they would succeed in reaching some arrangement and restoring confidence in Germany's ability to meet her commercial obligations.

This would thaw out the ice jam in international affairs.

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SPAIN'S NEW REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

Madrid, Yesterday. Signor Zamora, ex-Premier, has been elected President of the Republic for a period of six years.

Three hundred and sixty-two votes out of four hundred and ten were cast in the Cortes in the case of this election.—Reuter.

LORDS APPROVE INDIA POLICY.

London, Yesterday. The House of Lords, after a three-days' debate, approved of Government's Indian policy.

A motion, moved by Lord Middleton for adjournment of the debate in order to allow time for a fuller consideration of the subject, was defeated by 106 votes to 58.—Reuter.

KING CONGRATULATES HINKLER.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The King has sent a message of congratulation to Bert Hinkler in connection with his recent feat.

The delegates to the Burma Round Table Conference were received by Their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, yesterday.

That the League of Nations does exercise influence and power League Council.

SOVIET SCANDAL

PROMINENT MEN ARRESTED.

MISMANAGEMENT

COLOSSAL LOSSES TO STATE.

Riga, Yesterday. Many prominent Soviet citizens and twelve chairmen of State Trusts have been arrested following an investigation of the affairs of Centrosoyus, the central body uniting consumers, cooperative societies and principal trading trusts. Colossal losses to the State are said to have been incurred, involving besides a shortage of food and clothing for the masses. There will be a rapid and impressive trial.—Reuter.

MINTING OF FIVE-MARK PIECES SANCTIONED.

Berlin, Yesterday. The Reichstag has approved of the minting of the five-mark silver pieces.—Reuter.

[20,000,000] are to be minted. This increases the total value of silver coins circulating to 1,142,000,000 marks roughly equivalent to £21,000,000.]

OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Protection for Iron and Steel.

It was Mr. Amery (Conservative), who, made a strong demand for a protective for these industries. Mr. Runciman intimated that Government would not be rushed over this vital matter. It was a complex problem and required careful study.

He declared against exaggeration, and maintained that the home market had been preserved for home industries without the aid of protection.

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Sterling Rises.

There was an upward trend in the sterling-dollar rate, yesterday. Sterling was quoted at 3.80%.

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Dr. Eckner in England.

This distinguished German is now in England. It appears his visit is in connection with his proposed Atlantic service, in which he hopes to be able to get America, Britain and Germany to co-operate.

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Overseas Trade.

Preliminary figures of British O T for November show an increase of imports over the October figure. Exports and re-exports showed a slight decrease.

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Soviet Debts.

Conversations have been opened between Sir John Simon and M. Sokolnikoff, Soviet Ambassador in London, on the subject of Soviet debts to British nationals.

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Occasional Rain.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:

The anti-cyclone is now central over the Sea of Japan, moving E.N.E.

Forecast: N. E. winds, moderate; generally overcast, occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.28 inch. Total since January 1, 79.90 inches against an average of 82.86 inches — deficit 2.46 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong 66

Macao 65

Pratas Island 74

Foochow 65

Amoy 65

Chefoo 88

Shanghai 64

Manila 74

ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"THE SEA GOD."

Richard Arlen's activities as a motion picture player have taken him from thousands of feet above the earth to fathoms below the ocean's surface.

It was the air epic, "Wings," that started Arlen on the way to stardom.

In his role as a "diver" in Paramount's "The Sea God," he spent much time on the ocean floor under several fathoms of water.

Of the two extremes, Arlen says he prefers the air.

"It is an uncanny experience to be wandering about with the fish down on the ocean's floor," he declared. "And when the heavy diving helmet was fastened over my head, I felt as though I were being sealed in a tomb. It was a tremendous relief to come up into the air and get out of the cumbersome outfit."

"However, the submarine sights were intensely weird and interesting, and I wouldn't have missed the experience for anything."

Fay Wray plays the feminine lead opposite Arlen in "The Sea God" with Eugene Pallette having another featured role.

"THE GREAT LOVER."

Comedy and romance, cleverly mixed together, are the principal ingredients of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Great Lover," which will be at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday.

Adolphe Menjou, the suave, takes the title role which Leo D'Urthstein made famous on the stage.

Menjou provides the romance, with his sparkling and frequently torrid love affairs with six beautiful girls; while Ernest Torrence, Cliff Edwards and Rosco Ates carry the main comedy burden. Torrence is Menjou's Valet, Edwards a grand opera press agent, and Ates a stuttering reporter.

Other players are Irene Dunne as an aspirant for grand opera honours, who nearly burns her mortal fingers in her ambition; Neil Hamilton as the young lover; Hale Hamilton and Bacchanoa.

"EAST LYNNE."

The perfection of audible motion picture entertainment by Fox Movietone had given the actress and actor of the screen much added work, according to Conrad Nagel, one of the first stars to attain worldwide acclaim in the new era, who is featured with Clive Brook in "East Lynne," Frank Lloyd's Fox Film production, starring Ann Harding, coming soon to the King's Theatre.

"When I made my first talking picture," says Nagel, "there was much to be hoped for in the matter of accurate recording. With the improvement and perfection of sound recording came a new hurdle for the player to clear. Better sound recording meant that we must all be more careful of our diction. Each little flaw was irrevocably captured by the microphone and our future as talking picture stars depended upon giving performances above technical criticism. To-day an actor, or actress, must be able to not only express through actions and facial expression the emotion that he or she interprets, but the voice must express these very same feelings."

"SHOW GIRL OF HOLLYWOOD."

Movie stars were photographed without their assuming the cus-

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Recorded Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.

7.05-8 p.m.—A Concert.

Instrumental Trio—

I Zingari (Leoncavallo), De Groot (Violin), David

Bor (Piano) and H. M. Calve (Cello) (B328).

Song—

Swiss Echoes Song (Eckert), Marlon Tully (Soprano)

(B593).

Duet for Two Pianos—

Impromptu—Rococo (Schott), Valse (Arensky), Harold Bauer and Ossip Gabrilovitsch (B182).

Song—

Danny Deever (Kipling-Dannrussch), On the "Road to Mandalay" (Kipling-Spears), Reinhard Wernermann, Baritone

(B636).

Violin Solo—

Serenade (Drill), Serenade (Drigo), Mischa Elman (1538).

Song—

The Rosary (Rogers-Newell), Rosa Ponselle (Soprano)

(1938).

Organ Solo—

Organ Paraphrase on "Love's Old Sweet Song" (Molloy arr. Meale),

(a) Morning Dew, (b) The Old Oak Tree (Power), Arthur Meale (G126).

Song—

A Pair of Blue Eyes (Kernell), I Feel You Near Me (McCarthy-Hanley), John McCormack (Tenor)

(1453).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.04-8.31 p.m.—Talkie Tunes and Musical Comedy.

Selections from "Good News", Selections from "Funny Face", Victor Arden, Phil Ohman and Their Orchestra

(35918).

"Dear Love"—Selection, New Mayfair Orchestra (C1658).

"Dear Love"—Selection, New Mayfair Orchestra (C1792).

8.31-8.45 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestra—

Carmen Suite—Soldiers Changing Guard (Bize), Carmen Suite—March of the Smugglers (Bize), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra (B374).

Band—

Aida—Grand March and Finale (Verdi), Aida—Introduction and Moorish Ballet (Verdi), Creatore's Band (35780).

8.45-9.42 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous Song—

That's How I Feel About You, Sweetheart, Gracie Fields (B3176).

Song—

Thoughts of You, Gracie Fields (B3176).

Instrumental—

Memory Watz, Hawaiian Star Dust, Master's Hawaiians (23581).

Song—

A Room with a View, Mary Make Believe, Noel Coward (Baritone)

(B2719).

Piano-Accordion Solo—

Accordionette, Accordionolo..... Pietro (V-70).

Relays—

1st, Sunday—Union Church Morning Service—1½ hours (European); Organ Recital by Mr. G. E. Longyear—1½ hour (European).

3rd, Tuesday—Rotary Club Speech by Mr. A. L. Shildon on "Yachting in Hong Kong"—½ hour (European); Ko Shing Theatre—3½ hours (Chinese).

8th, Sunday—St. John's Cathedral Morning Service—1½ hours (European).

9th, Monday—Inaugural Speeches of the Opium Conference from Bangkok—10 mins. (European).

10th, Tuesday—Rotary Club Speech by Mr. T. S. Morrison on "The Functions of Lloyds"—20 mins. (European).

Song—

Can't Help Lovin' dat Man, Bill... Helen Morgan (Comedienne) (21238).

Organ Solo—

Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, Salut D'Amour, Reginald Foort (B348).

Song—

Jimmie Rogers Visits the Carter Family, Moonlight & Skies, Jimmie Rogers (23574).

Humorous Dialogue—

An Old Flame, John Henry and Gladys Horridge (B3278).

The records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

9.42-10.27 p.m.—

Liszt's Concerto in E Minor, Played by Alexander Brailowsky (Pianist) & the Philharmonic Orchestra of Berlin Conducted by Julius Pruzer.

This suite has been kindly loaned by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

MONTHLY REPORT.

Actual hours of transmission totalled 257 of which 151.50 were devoted to European Programmes and 105.50 to Chinese Programmes as follows:

European Chinese

Morning Transmissions including Commercial News and Church Relays 50 41½

Evening Transmissions 101 ½ 64½

Monthly Percentages 151 ½ 105½

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During the month the following items were broadcast:

Dance Programmes 6

Running Commentaries 4

European Studio Concerts 1

European Relays 20

Chinese Studio Concerts 4

Chinese Relays 4

European Lectures 5

Chinese Lectures 0

European Children's Programmes 3

Chinese Children's Programmes 3

New Licences issued during November, 1931, were 55.

N.B.—During the month the European hours of transmission were extended on several occasions for relays of the A.D.C. performances and Running Commentaries.

Studio Transmissions During November.

2nd, Monday—Lecture by Mr. V. Jarrett on "Wild Flowers of Hong Kong"—20 mins. (European); London Letters—10 mins. (European); Children's Programme—½ hour (Chinese).

4th, Wednesday—Board of Trade London Letters—10 mins. (European); Children's Programme—½ hour (Chinese).

5th, Thursday—Children's Programme—½ hour (European); Studio Concert—2½ hours (Chinese).

9th, Monday—Lecture by Mr. Raymond O'Shea on "Journalism in the Far East"—20 mins. (European).

12th, Thursday—Children's Programme—½ hour (European); Studio Concert—2½ hours (Chinese).

16th, Monday—Studio Concert—1½ hours (European).

18th, Wednesday—Board of Trade London Letters—10 mins. (European); Children's Programme—½ hour (Chinese).

19th, Thursday—Studio Concert—2½ hours (Chinese).

23rd, Monday—Lecture by Mr. C. E. R. Clurabut on "The Life of Samuel Pepys"—20 mins. (European); Lecture by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith on "The Development of the Pianoforte Concerto"—½ hour (European).

26th, Wednesday—Children's Programme—½ hour (Chinese).

26th, Thursday—Children's Programme—½ hour (European); Studio Concert—2½ hours (Chinese).

30th, Monday—Lecture by Mr. C. E. R. Clurabut on "Samuel Pepys' Diary"—20 mins. (European).

Relays—

1st, Sunday—Union Church Morning Service—1½ hours (European); Organ Recital by Mr. G. E. Longyear—1½ hour (European).

3rd, Tuesday—Rotary Club Speech by Mr. A. L. Shildon on "Yachting in Hong Kong"—½ hour (European); Ko Shing Theatre—3½ hours (Chinese).

8th, Sunday—St. John's Cathedral Morning Service—1½ hours (European).

24th, Tuesday—Rotary Club Speech by Rev. E. C. Tribbeck on "The Human Side of Unemployment"—½ hour (European); Ko Shing Theatre—3½ hours (Chinese).

28th, Saturday—Running Commentary from the Kowloon F.C. Field on the Shield Game between Kowloon Football Club and South Wales Borderers—½ hours (European); Running Commentary from the City Hall of the Boxing Match (Signalman Morris v. A. B. Warnes)—1 hour (European).

29th, Sunday—Union Church Morning Service—1½ hours (European).

BRINGING UP FATHER

THE CHINA MAIL.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

December 17—At Helena May Institute, song recital by Miss I. H. Chamberlain, 5.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "The Smiling Lieutenant."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Show Girl in Hollywood."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Sea God."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Paris Bound."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Remote Control."

To-day—Miss Hook of Holland; Theatre Royal, 9 p.m. sharp.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Hakozaki Maru); from Europe via Siberia (Shinyo Maru).

Today—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru) 3.30 p.m.

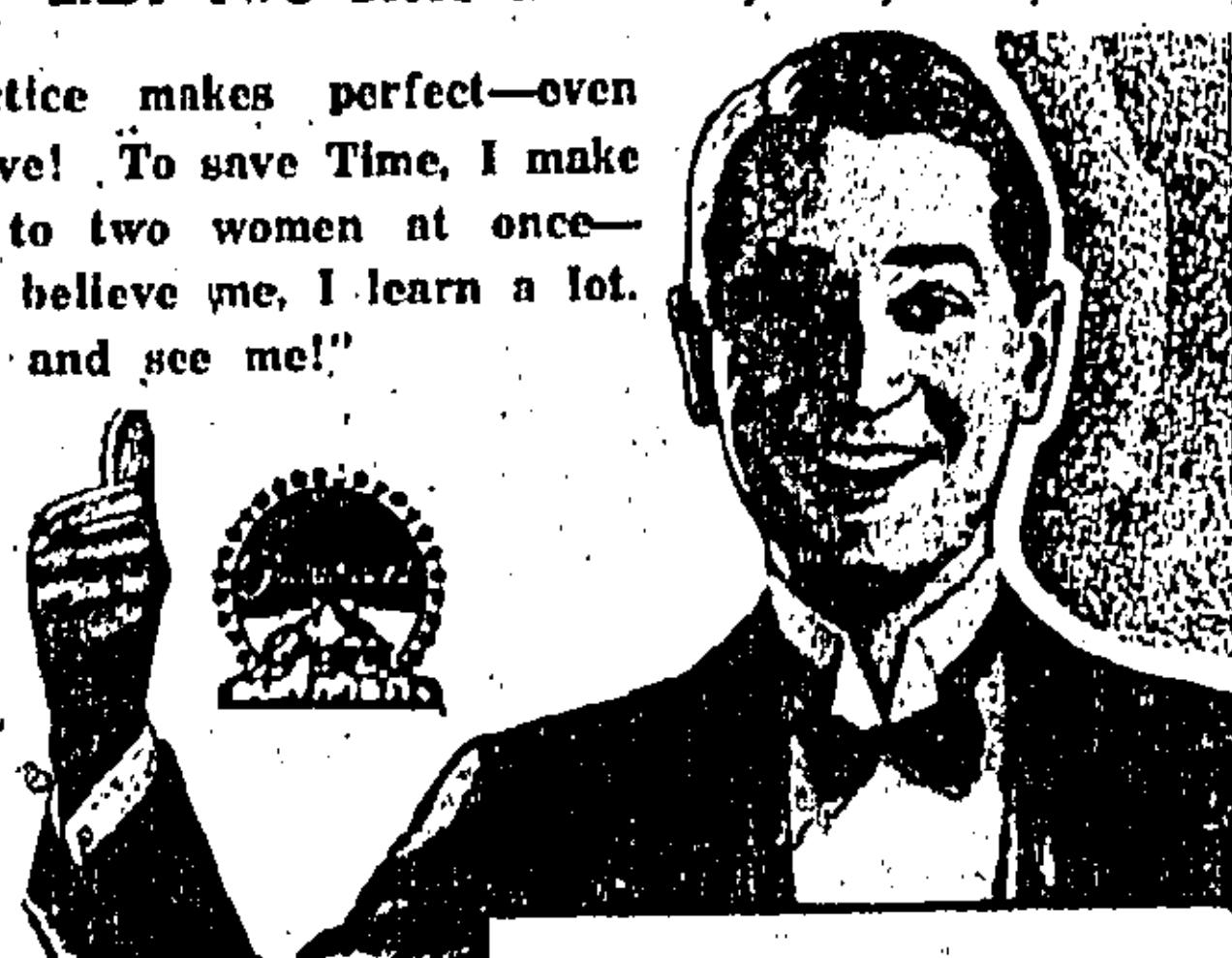
To-morrow—Inward from London (Hector); from America (President Harrison and

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

CHINESE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Commencing To-morrow

Commencing to-morrow the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation will run a football league, which has been organised as an outcome of the recent disagreement with the Hong Kong Football Association, culminating in the withdrawal of all the Chinese clubs affiliated to the local F.A.

The opening ceremony of the League will be performed by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, while Mr. Chan Lim-pak will kick off in the first match, which is between the Sung Ching Athletic Association and the South China Athletic Association's "A" team.

Matches will be played every Saturday afternoon at Caroline Hill and Happy Valley, the first commencing at 2.30 p.m. and the second at 4 o'clock. There are seven teams altogether and the season will extend to the middle of March.

The teams competing are the South China "A" and "B" teams, the Chinese Athletic "A" and "B" teams, the Sung Ching A.A., the Yee Woo A.A. and the Eastern A.A.

To-morrow the first match, between the Sung Ching and the South China "A," will commence at 2.30 p.m. on the Caroline Hill ground while at 4 o'clock the South China "B" will play Yee Woo on the same ground.

ARMY TEAM FOR THE LAI WAH CUP.

Against Civilians.

The following have been selected to represent the Army in the Lai Wah Cup match against the Civilians at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 3.45 p.m.:-

Pte. Hastie (Argylls); Pte. Blackburn (Argylls); Pte. Morrison (Borderers); Pte. McGlashan (Argylls); Cpl. Hay (Argylls) (captain); Cpl. Underwood (Borderers); Pte. Harris (Borderers); Pte. Davis (Borderers); Pte. Wylie (Argylls); Cpl. Lamont (Argylls); and Pte. Hughes (Argylls).

Reserves: Sgtn. Gilot (R.C. of Sigs); Pte. Ianson (R.A.M.C.); Pte. Johnson, Pte. Morgan, Pte. Channing, Pte. Jones (61), and Pte. Podmore (Borderers); Pte. Docherty, Pte. Gordon, Pte. Reid, and Pte. Campbell (Argylls).

The team will play in Army Colours and the selected side and reserves will report to Corporal Hay on the Sookunpoo ground at 3.15 p.m. to-morrow.

H.M.S. HERMES IN ACTION.

To-day's Rugby.

A scratch Rugby football fifteen composed of the following will play H.M.S. Hermes at Sookunpoo to-day (kick-off at 4.30 p.m.):—

Lt. Dunlop; Lt. Keith Murray; Lt. Stevenson; Cpl. Leask; Lt. Syer; L/Cpl. O'Hara; Pte. McGrann; Lt. Stevens; Lt. Cape; Lt. Roper; Caldbeck, Gnr. Hubbard, Sgt. Clark, Pte. McGrattan, Cpl. Banford, and L/Cpl. Oliver.

INCOGNITOS TEAM FOR SUNDAY.

Mamak Hockey
Tourney.

The following will represent the "Incognitos" against the Central British Association in the Mamak Hockey Shield Competition, on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on the C.B.A. ground at King's Park:—

A. Eca da Silva; F. M. Silva, A. Rodrigues; A. Beltrao, W. Reed, F. Barros; C. Barros, O. E. L. de Souza, E. Reed, R. Reed, and J. A. de V. Soares.

INDIAN TRIAL FOR LALL SINGH.

Great Chance for Selangor Cricketer.

RECORD AGAINST HONG KONG.

Calcutta, Nov. 21.

I understand that Lall Singh, the Selangor cricketer, will be invited to participate in the trials for the Indian team which will visit England next year, provided that he travels to India at his own expense, writes the Straits Times own correspondent.

Our Kuala Lumpur correspondent conveyed this information to those directly interested in Lall Singh in Selangor and telephoned the following message this morning:—

The news has created much interest in Kuala Lumpur, where the Selangor Indian Association have only been waiting desultately in

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF—Sunday—R.H.K.G.C. Championship Third Round and Semi-Finals.

CRICKET—To-morrow—League II—C.C.C. v. R.E. & R.C.S.; Friends—Senior—Navy v. I.R.C.; University v. C.S.C.C.; H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Junior—C.S.C.C. v. University; C.G.C. v. H.K.C.C.; I.R.C. v. Recreos.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Lai Wah Cup—Army v. Civilians; Division II—Club v. University; Navy v. Borderers; 12th Battery v. Argylls; R.A.O.C. v. Kowloon; Division III—St. Joseph's v.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—Closing Day at Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Unveiling of the Record Board at 3 p.m.

RACING—To-morrow—Fourteenth Extra Meeting at Happy Valley.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Club v. Navy on the Club ground, Happy Valley.

formation that Lall Singh would be allowed to play in the Indian trials before issuing an appeal for funds to the Indian Associations throughout the country and the sporting public in general.

Mr. B. K. Chengappa, the principal promoter of the movement, told me that he is perfectly certain that the money will be forthcoming and that Lall Singh would go to India.

This young player—he is only 21—has had a remarkable cricketing career and certainly deserves to be tested in cricket of a higher standard than is obtainable in Malaya. A sensation was created when he was selected to play for the F.M.S. against the Australians in 1927, when he was 16 years of age and still a schoolboy in the Victoria Institution. It was a great catch on the boundary by Lall Singh which enabled the F.M.S. to win by three runs.

He has played for the F.M.S. every season for the last five years, and during each of the last two seasons he has made 1,000 runs and taken 100 wickets. In addition to being an exceptionally good batsman and bowler, he is an excellent fielder in all positions, but particularly in the slips.—Straits Times.

Record Against Hong Kong.

It will be recalled that Lall Singh played for Malaya against Hong Kong in the Interport series in Hong Kong in 1929 when he made scores of 3, and 10. Going in No. 3 he was bowled in both innings, Lt.-Col. Wyatt and H. Owen Hughes dismantling him cheaply. In the bowling line he had the following figures for the match:—

O. M. R. W.
24.1 5 78 5

It was in this match that H. Owen Hughes scored a century which went a long way in giving Hong Kong a victory by four wickets.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. ELEVENS.

Friendly Cricket.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. in their friendly matches against the University:—

First team at Pokfulam to-morrow:—B. D. Evans (captain), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. Baker, F. J. Ling, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, N. L. Bebbington, C. H. G. Bradley, R. A. J. Simpson, and J. E. McGowan.

Second team, at Happy Valley:—A. E. Wood (captain), A. W. Grimmett, R. E. O. Bird, C. Strange, J. F. Willmott, W. Harris-Walker, J. M. Wilson, S. Randle, R. H. Woodman, F. Matthews, and R. G. Robertson.

THE H.K.C.C. ELEVEN FOR TO-MORROW.

Against K.C.C.

In a friendly cricket match against the Kowloon C.C. to-morrow on the Club ground at 2 p.m. the following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong C.C.

H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, G. E. R. Divett, E. R. Duckitt, A. H. Harbord, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. R. West and L. D. Kilbee.

INDIAN R.C. TO PLAY NAVY.

To-morrow's Eleven.

The following will represent the Indian R.C. in a friendly cricket match against the Royal Navy on the Navy ground to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.:—

A. A. Rumjahn (captain), F. D. Pereira, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. R. Kermani, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, J. S. A. Curreem, and H. D. Rumjahn.

Reserve: A. T. Barma.

KOWLOON RUGBY XV FOR TO-MORROW.

Against H.M.S. Kent.

The following will represent the Kowloon Rugby Club against H.M.S. Kent, at King's Park to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.:—A. Easterbrook; T. S. D. Whitley, G. C. Burnett, H. Muller, Lt. Keith Murray; D. F. Kilby, D. J. S. Crozier; L. W. Tippie, A. Walters, J. E. Wilson, S. Macnider, T. Riddell, Dr. J. E. H. Cogan, G. G. Bonham and Lt. Grayham.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

In honour of their Golden wedding anniversary, Sir Robert and Lady Margaret Ho Tung gave a sumptuous party at the Peninsula Hotel on December 2, in the afternoon, and it was largely attended, those present, including H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel. Sir William, in the course of a speech, referred to the magnificent work that both Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung had done in the cause of charity. Sir Robert, in replying, said it was with great pleasure that he donated \$200,000 for children's welfare and education in the Colony. A full report of the celebration is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, world's champion tennis star, did honour to Hong Kong by visiting the port on December 4, and consented to play in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club on December 8. The latter attracted an enormous crowd, and the star gave a brilliant display of the art and technique of tennis. E. C. Fincher, the local runner-up of the Singles' championship, beat Mrs. Wills-Moody, in a set that extended to twenty games. A detailed report is furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In the early hours of December 5, a village elder was murdered in Chung Uk Village, in the Ping Shan district. The crime was most brutal, and the motive was apparently robbery. The tragedy was first discovered by the deceased's daughter-in-law who entered the house, and found him lying on his bed. He appeared to have been dead for some time, as the body was already stiff and cold. From the villagers, the Police investigators, learned that two strange men had been visiting the place on three occasions. A full report of the outrage is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

There was a bright tone at the Thirteenth Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley on December 5. The dividends paid in some of the events were excellent. Glorious Stag paying over \$80 in the first race of the day, whilst Sonny Boy, who was third in the event, paid over \$45. In the absence of Apollo, who was not entered, Sitting Bull, again triumphed in the big event, the November Handicap. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a detailed report of the meet.

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ABERDEEN v. RANGERS

First Division.

Third Division (North).	
Arsenal (0) v. Huddersfield (0)	Barrow (0) v. Accrington (0)
Birmingham (0) v. West Ham (0)	Chester (2) v. Crewe A. (-)
Blackburn (3) v. Leicester (0)	Darlington (2) v. Southport (3)
Blackpool (0) v. Newcastle (0)	Gateshead (2) v. Rotherham (0)
Derby (1) v. Grimsby (4)	Halifax T. (0) v. York City (0)
Everton (-) v. Middlesbrough (4)	Hartlepools. (4) v. Rochdale (0)
Manchester C. (3) v. Bolton (0)	Hull City (2) v. Wrexham (3)
Portsmouth (4) v. Liverpool (0)	Lincoln C. (5) v. Carlisle U. (1)
Sheffield U. (3) v. Aston Villa (4)	New Brighton (0) v. Stockport C. (2)
Sunderland (5) v. Wednesday (1)	Walsall (-) v. Tranmere R. (-)
West Brom. (7) v. Chelsea (-)	

Second Division.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Barrow (0) v. Accrington (0)	Chester (2) v. Crewe A. (-)
Chester (2) v. Darlington (2)	Darlington (2) v. Southport (3)
Darlington (2) v. Gateshead (0)	Gateshead (2) v. Rotherham (0)
Gateshead (2) v. Halifax T. (0)	Halifax T. (0) v. York City (0)
Hartlepools. (4) v. Rochdale (0)	Hartlepools. (4) v. Rochdale (0)
Hull City (2) v. Wrexham (3)	Hull City (2) v. Wrexham (3)
Lincoln C. (5) v. Carlisle U. (1)	Lincoln C. (5) v. Carlisle U. (1)
New Brighton (0) v. Stockport C. (2)	New Brighton (0) v. Stockport C. (2)
Stockport C. (2) v. Tranmere R. (-)	Walsall (-) v. Tranmere R. (-)

The figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding match last season. Dashes indicate that one of the teams mentioned did not compete in that Division last season.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.	
HOME	AWAY.
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts. Pts.
8 7 1 0 41 14 14	10 6 3 1 23 17 33
West Bromwich 9 5 1 3 20 6 13	10 5 4 1 17 16 11
Wednesday 8 4 1 3 20 8 11	10 5 3 2 23 15 12
Liverpool 10 7 1 2 33 19 16	8 3 5 0 8 19 6 2
Huddersfield T. 10 5 0 5 22 8 15	8 3 5 0 10 18 6 21
Aston Villa 8 7 1 0 29 11 1	8 2 3 3 14 13 7 21
Sheffield U. 9 5 3 1 21 12 11	9 4 4 1 18 16 9 20
Newcastle U. 8 6 1 2 21 8 13	8 3 4 1 14 19 7 20
Middlesbrough 9 6 2 1 23 12 13	9 2 3 4 11 22 7 20
Leicester City 10 6 3 1 26 17 13	8 2 5 1 13 23 5 18
Birmingham 9 5 1 3 20 10 13	9 2 6 1 15 23 5 18
Bolton W. 9 7 2 0 23 11 14	9 0 6 3 8 27 3 17
West Ham U. 9 4 4 1 15 17 9	9 3 5 1 13 27 7 16
Manchester C. 9 3 3 3 18 15 9	10 1 5 4 16 23 6 15
Portsmouth 9 4 4 1 8 12 9	9 2 5 2 10 17 6 15
Derby C. 9 6 1 2 22 10 14	10 0 10 0 8 32 0 14
Blackburn R. 10 4 4 2 22 25 10	8 1 5 2 10 19 4 14
Sunderland 9 3 4 2 16 17 8	10 1 5 4 7 18 6 14
Chelsea 8 4 4 0 15 16 8	10 2 7 1 13 25 5 13
Blackpool 10 4 4 2 18 20 10	8 1 6 1 9 26 3 13
Grimsby T. 9 4 5 0 15 13 8	9 0 8 1 12 34 1 9

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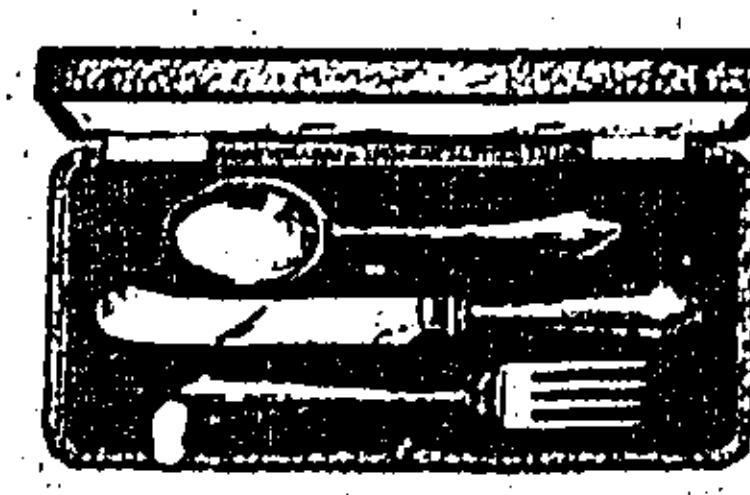
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Second Division.
HOME.

AWAY.

Goals	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	Goals	Total
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
10 8 4 2 2 18 7 10	10 8 0 2 28 10 18	28	28
Wolverhampton 9 8 1 0 33 6 16	8 3 2 3 16 13 9	25	25
Bradford 11 9 1 1 25 8 19	8 1 4 3 11 14 5	24	24
Plymouth A. 9 4 2 3 25 19 11	9 5 1 3 15 15 13	24	24
Bury 9 6 2 1 23 12 13	9 4 3 2 15 17 10	23	23
Stoke City 8 7 0 2 28 8 16	9 2 5 2 6 12 6	22	22
Notts Forest 10 5 2 3 21 13 11	8 2 4 2 13 20 6	19	19
Notts County 8 4 2 2 16 9 10	10 3 4 3 21 24 9	19	19
Southampton 9 5 3 1 15 18 11	9 3 5 1 10 26 7	18	18
Burnley 8 3 2 3 16 16 9	9 4 4 1 11 17 9	18	18
Millwall 9 4 3 2 22 12 10	9 3 5 1 10 17 7	17	17
Tottenham H. 10 5 3 2 34 21 12	8 1 4 3 9 16 5	17	17
Port Vale 9 3 4 2 12 14 8	9 3 4 2 18 26 8	16	16
Swansea T. 8 5 3 0 29 11 10	10 3 7 0 15 22 6	16	16
Manchester U. 10 4 3 3 29 19 11	8 2 5 1 10 15 5	16	16
Bradley 8 3 3 3 13 11 9	9 3 6 0 12 26 6	15	15
Oldham A. 9 4 3 2 19 17 10	9 1 5 3 7 19 5	15	15
Bradford C. 7 2 2 3 15 12 7	10 2 5 3 16 23 7	14	14
Chesterfield 8 3 4 1 10 15 8	9 1 5 3 8 24 3	13	13
Charlton A. 9 3 4 2 14 14 8	8 1 5 2 9 19 4	12	12
Bristol C. 10 2 5 3 12 17 7	8 0 6 2 8 11 2	9	9

Second Division.
AWAY.

Goals	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	Goals	Total
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
11 10 0 1 46 7 21	10 5 1 4 25 14 14	35	35
Motherwell 11 8 1 0 32 7 19	8 6 1 1 14 11 13	31	31
Rangers 11 8 1 2 35 7 19	11 4 5 1 14 12 12	27	27
Aberdeen 11 8 0 3 26 7 19	10 5 5 2 22 35 12	27	27
Third Lanark 9 7 1 1 30 14 15	11 2 2 5 18 16 11	27	27
Celtic 10 7 1 2 36 11 16	10 5 5 0 17 18 10	26	26
St. Mirren 11 7 2 1 21 10 9	12 2 5 5 13 20 9	24	24
Kilmarnock 9 7 1 1 21 10 9	10 2 4 4 11 17 8	23	23
Clyde 11 6 2 3 21 14 15	11 5 4 1 15 11 21	21	21
Partick T. 9 4 3 2 18 18 14	11 5 5 1 14 15 21	21	21
Hearts 10 5 3 2 14 18 12	12 4 8 0 15 26 8	20	20
Queen's P.R. 11 5 1 2 23 11 9	13 3 4 2 15 19 8	19	19
Cowdenbeath 11 5 1 3 19 16 11	11 2 7 2 18 33 6	19	19
Dundee 11 4 2 5 22 17 13	11 1 8 2 14 36 4	17	17
Hamilton A. 10 4 4 2 26 22 10	11 2 6 3 12 18 7	17	17
Falkirk 11 6 2 3 26 15 13	12 1 9 2 12 30 4	17	17
Airdrieonians 11 6 3 2 30 20 14	10 1 9 0 12 31 2	16	16
Morton 11 5 4 2 30 16 12	11 1 7 2 12 24 4	16	16
Dundee U. 11 3 3 5 15 17 11	11 1 9 1 14 38 3	14	14
Ayr United 11 4 2 7 1 20 25 9	10 0 6 4 14 32 4	13	13
Leith Ath. 11 5 6 0 17 24 10	10 0 8 2 6 39 2	12	12

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.	HOME.	AWAY.
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
11 10 0 1 46 7 21	10 5 1 4 25 14 14	35
Motherwell 11 8 1 2 35 7 19	11 4 5 1 14 12 12	27
Rangers 11 8 0 3 26 7 19	10 5 5 2 22 35 12	27
Aberdeen 11 8 1 3 26 7 19	10 5 5 0 17 18 10	26
Third Lanark 9 7 1 1 30 14 15	11 2 2 5 18 16 11	27

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DEATH.

WONG KAM-FUK, J.P.—At his residence, "Ching Shan Po" in Pokfulum Road near the junction with Mount Davis Road on the 10th day of December, 1931, at 9.30 a.m. aged 62 years. The funeral will take place at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery on Saturday, the 12th inst., and will pass the Chinese Christian Cemetery in Pokfulum Road at 12 o'clock noon when a short service will be held in the Chapel.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 11, 1931.

Healthy Finances!

The Colony has received an acceptable Christmas gift. It takes the form of a messenger, or rather, an intimation. Speaking in the Legislative Council yesterday His Excellency the Governor said, in regard to the second section of the Shing Mun Valley water supply scheme, that he considered that "our financial position was amply good to proceed with at once." And so the Colony has been committed, as the result of the resolutions passed yesterday, to the expenditure next year of \$431,789 for the Shing Mun Valley scheme (including filters) and \$347,000 for the Aberdeen Valley water supply scheme. When the almost catastrophic results of the drought two years ago are recalled, no expenditure can be considered too great if it ensures the Colony an efficient and constant water supply. Costly as are the two schemes in hand, it is cheering to think, on the highest possible authority, that "our financial position is amply good enough" to warrant next year the expenditure named.

Unfortunately that is not the only expenditure to which the Colony has been committed. The six motions involve a total expenditure of not less than \$1,882,789. This includes the huge sum of \$770,000 for the vehicular ferry and \$300,000 for a new jail at Wong Ma Kok. We are not credulous enough to believe that "our financial position is amply

good enough" to warrant these vast sums being expended next year, even though they will be met out of a future loan. In the middle of this year we had a reassuring official commentary on our financial position at that moment; but we had not long to wait before additional imposts and levies were placed upon our shoulders. None of these extra burdens has been removed or modified — and no man can say when they will be. Who knows but what still fresh sources of raising revenue will be tapped next year to find those extraordinarily large sums of \$770,000 for the vehicular ferry and \$300,000 for the new jail. These sums are to be charged as advances from the surplus balances of the Colony, pending a future loan. But who can predict that at any given moment next year our surplus balances will aggregate \$1,882,789? If the financial position is amply good enough to permit of the second section of the Shing Mun Valley water scheme being financed next year, will it likewise be amply good enough in relation to \$770,000 for the vehicular ferry and \$300,000 for a new jail? Should it not be the first duty, when "the financial position is amply good enough," to relieve the taxpayers of some of the burdens placed on them within the last twelve months?

From Other Pens.

Advertising Death.

Wide, indeed, is the difference between the British and the American mentality, and in no respect is it wider than in the attitude towards death.

In the States undertaking is a business which advertises its wares in the same forceful manner as the chewing-gum business.

I have been examining various specimens of the undertakers' Press, for in America those gentlemen — known generally as morticians — just as their offices are called "funeral parlours" — have a large and varied Press.

The titles of the various periodicals range from the serious "Mortuary Digest" to the lyrical-sounding "Casket" and "Sunny-side." They have, too, substantial circulations, — in many cases larger than most of our "weeklies."

What amazes the English reader, however, is the blatancy of the advertising and the editorial matter, such as pungent articles on "How to sell a funeral."

To our mind it is a revolting manifestation of commercialism but the average American sees nothing incongruous or distasteful in it, and such literature finds a wide public, especially among the negroes and the gunmen — Londoner in the Evening Standard.

That Little Flutter. Should, or should not, gigantic sweepstakes be organised in the cause of charity? We do not believe that a satisfactory answer to this question will be evolved this side of time.

The instinct to take a chance is inherent in every human being. Those who would roll their eyes and turn up their hands in pious horror were they asked to buy a sweepstakes ticket, or place a bet on horse, have, as a rule, no qualms about taking a lucky dip or buying a ticket in a raffle at a church bazaar. Nevertheless, the lucky dip and the raffle are gambles every whit as much as the sweep ticket or the bet.

The argument that gambling can be abolished is fatuous in the extreme. If this very human weakness is forbidden to be exploited for charity or on the turf, it will flourish surreptitiously and it will not gain anything by that. It will then become a vice in every sense of the word, because it will fall into unscrupulous hands.

Another worm-eaten plank in the platform of the anti-gambling fraternity is that gambling is responsible for the ruination of countless numbers of people. The antis tackle the question from the wrong end. It is the reckless, unbalanced gamblers who ruin themselves. As well say that the brewing and distilling trades be abolished, in order to save invertebrate toppers from themselves.

Is it not better to recognise human frailties and counsel moderation in all things? It has long been recognised that the best way to popularise a thing is to make it illegal. — Pinang Gazette.

News in Brief.

The next meeting of the Legislative Council has been fixed for Thursday next.

A rattan dealer of 6, Mercer Street, in a report made to the Police, alleges that during his absence, a fokai collected over \$300 from various customers and absconded.

Chan Ping-nam, a clerk, residing at 51 Parkes Street, Yau Ma Tei, has reported to the Police that his concubine was taken, last evening, to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from the effects of opium poisoning, self-administered. She died an hour after admission.

The annual Bazaar of the St Francis Convent, Wan Chai, will take place on Sunday at 10 a.m. All friends are cordially invited to assist in the good cause. The usual Services will be held at 6.30 and 7 a.m. and there will be High Mass at 9 a.m. and Benediction at 4.30 p.m.

The body of an unknown Chinese woman, aged about 30 years, was found by the Police suspended by a rope round the neck on the ground floor of a house in Takukin Road. It is apparently a case of suicide. The mouth, hands and trousers were smeared with red powder, according to the report.

In the role of William Judd Judd, a fresh youth, William Judd Judd provides plenty of hilarity in his picture "Remote Control" now showing at the Star Theatre in its second run. As a radio announcer Haines finds plenty of scope for his humour, and ably supported by an excellent cast the plot is carried through amid roars of laughter.

It may interest readers to know that in the silent version of "East Lynne," the talkie version of which film is to be screened at the King's Theatre on Sunday, the featured players were Edmund Lowe, Alma Rubens and Lou Tellegen. Other members of the cast included Marjorie Daw, Leslie Fenton, Belle Bennett, Frank Keenan and Paul Panzer. In the talkie, the leading roles are taken by Conrad Nagel, Ann Harding and Clive Brook.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Caroline Xavier, at 6, Caroline Road. Deceased was 47 years of age and had been in ill-health for some time past. She was the widow of Mr. F. Q. R. Xavier. The funeral took place later in the day in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

The first all-metal aeroplane made of non-corrosive steel has, it is claimed, been produced by the Civil Aviation Research Institute of Russia.

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

THE STRAITS TIMES.

A story has recently been unfolded concerning the editorship of this progressive Malayan newspaper daily. And it concerns also Mr. Edgar Wallace. It appears

that

Mr. Edgar Wallace

was once

very anxious

to become

the editor

of the Straits Times

and was

bitterly

disappointed

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STATELY SCENE IN LORDS CROWDED CHAMBER.

Democratic Rule Among Peers.

The scene in the House of Lords, when the King opens Parliament in state always follows the same ritual and composes the same picture, but there are subtle differences between one ceremony and another. The state of the national temperance, as it were, affects the atmosphere even in the rich, hushed seclusion of the Chamber. When the King opened Parliament last month there was an excitement in the air, and a sharper note in the rustle of conversation before the King arrived which amounted to a demonstration. Peers and grandees in their fine robes and uniforms, and their ladies in their silks and diamonds, are very human, and as they gathered in their glitter in front of the empty thrones they were paying their own tribute to the moment of national crisis. One might fancy that a sense of danger was throwing its unseen shadow over the brilliant display.

The most obvious difference from the normal state opening was the extraordinary anxiety of the lords and their ladies to be present. The peers were doing their best to show that they, too, support King and country in the emergency. When noon drew near there was as keen competition for a seat as there is in the Piccadilly Tube at six o'clock. Early peers had seized upon all the benches facing the throne, and sat there tightly packed in one great solid block of crimson and ermine. By half-past eleven there was not a seat left on the floor, and the usual refuge of overcrowded peers, the back rows at the side, behind the peeresses, were not available. The peeresses had got there first.

Ex-Viceroy in the Crowd.

The anxiety of the peeresses to be present rather than a superfluity of lords was responsible for the unprecedented spectacle of scores of the latter standing up to hear the King's Speech. They filled the gangways like so many strap-hangers, with the difference that there were no straps to hang upon. Lord Allenby, arriving rather late, dressed in field marshal's uniform and carrying his baton, could not work his way more than a few feet through the crowded gangway, and was brought to a standstill and found himself crushed against Lord Irwin, ex-Viceroy of India, who was similarly stranded. The fact that another ex-Viceroy, Lord Reading, was also deprived of a seat will give some notion of how far the democratic rule of first come first served operated in the House of Lords that morning.

The only people in the Chamber who looked as if they had plenty of space were the judges who perched sedately round the

TORTOISES WIN.

Crocodile Beaten by Clever Footwork.

George, the largest alligator at the London Zoo, has caused some diversion in the reptile house by experiencing his first defeat in battle. Credited with 100 years, this alligator has long been regarded as the most accomplished fighter at the Zoo, and as he has committed three murders (the victims being two alligators and a crocodile) and figured as the unfeasted victor in innumerable battles, George is usually condemned to solitary confinement.

However, when a giant water tortoise from Malaya, who had also won too much distinction in the battlefield, became his housemate the valiant alligator met his match. As soon as the tortoise was placed in his enclosure George advanced with open jaws, but the tortoise—Horatio—simply withdrew into his shell. For the next three weeks the alligator spent most of his time trying to dispose of his companion, but he never managed to get his

teeth into any part of Horatio but his shell, and this is too strong and thick even for George's jaws.

Finally he wearied, and then Horatio started his tactics. Day after day he nibbled and scratched George's feet until at last they became so sore that the alligator was forced to evacuate the pond and cower in fear on the bank. Horatio was then removed. But just after the departure of the victorious tortoise George almost managed to regain part of his lost reputation by committing another murder.

A venturesome crocodile in a neighbouring enclosure scrambled over the barrier into George's home and was about to feel the strength of his large relative's jaws when happily the keeper came upon the scene.

The Zoo has had the good fortune to be presented with an animal which has not been represented in the menagerie since 1906. This is a serow, a strange Asiatic creature, half antelope and half goat.

Capt. Fritz Engler, of the German mercantile marine, has started in a small rubber boat on a voyage from Lisbon to New York.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Orders for the Coming Week.

SCOTTISH CAMP.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are issued as under:

Corps Band.

The Band will attend Headquarters for Band Practice on Monday, December 14, and Friday, December 18. These will be the last practices this year. It is hoped that every one will do their utmost to attend these practices.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15.

Armoured Car Company.

Motor Cycle Section.—All ranks will parade at Headquarters on Monday, December 14, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Rifle Club.

Members will parade at Headquarters Miniature Range on Wednesday, December 16, at 5.30 p.m.

Parades.

Except for the above there will be no further parades until January 11, 1932.

Scottish Company.

Reminder.—The Company will proceed to Camp on Friday, December 11.

The Company will parade on Thursday, December 17, for Arms Drill as under:

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Docks at 5.30 p.m. under 2nd Lieut. T. P. Saunderson.

No. 7 Platoon at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under 2nd Lieut. A. W. Brown.

Belt and Sidearms.

There will be no further parades until January 7, 1932.

Portuguese Company.

There will be no parades until January 8, 1932, unless orders are issued to the contrary.

The attention of all concerned is called to Company Training Programme for December 18.

Crewe holding aloft the Sword of State and Lord Londonderry carrying the Cap of Maintenance, (two Commanders will render reports to the effect that this has been complied with to the Company Commander by not later than December 22, 1931).

The Officer Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:

I.—Battery.

II.—Engineer Company.

III.—Machine Gun Troop.

IV.—Machine Gun Company.

Parades at Headquarters. No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Wednesday, December 23, 1931, to Monday, January 4, 1932.

Rifles and Bayonets.

All Rifles and Bayonets will be returned to Store before December 24.

Strength.

The following has been taken on the Strength:—No. 1765 Pte. R. A. Edwards (No. 3 Platoon) on December 8.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. Goater, Capt. Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

THE OLD LADY WHO SAT BY THE FIRE.

Human Touch In Sir J. Simon's Broadcast.

There was a very human touch in the speech which Sir John Simon broadcast in connection with the recent General Election. He said:

"The recovery of British credit, the revival of British prosperity, do not depend on bankers or financiers, or Cabinet Ministers, or members of Parliament. They depend on British character. That is to say, they depend on all of us . . . from the young men entering upon life and exercising the franchise for the first time, to the old lady celebrating, it may be, her eighty-fifth birthday, as she sits in her chair listening by the fire."

Listeners may have noted a significant pause as Sir John reached the end of his sentence.

The explanation is that it was the birthday of his mother, who was 85. Sir John had her in his mind when he introduced the picture of the old lady listening by the fire—*as, indeed, his mother was*—a member of the visit and unseen audience.

Inability to digest 173 pieces of metal, including wire, tacks, &c., and nails, has killed Matthew Mulcahey, a patient for six years in the State Hospital for the Insane, at Overbrook, New Jersey. Capt. Fritz Engler, of the German mercantile marine, has started in a small rubber boat on a voyage from Lisbon to New York.

CORRESPONDENCE

SOCIAL EVIL.

To the Editor of "China Mail."

Sir—I have been reading your interesting leading article in your issue of December 8, and although I note that you have no wish to provoke controversy on the subject of prostitution, I feel that a comment is called for—if only for your leader-writer's notice. I agree with all that he writes about the necessity for facing this problem candidly, and I agree, with much of the spirit of his quotation from Dr. Norman Haire.

Prostitution, I believe, is either socially unnecessary or socially necessary. If the former, the prostitute and her customer should be treated as criminals (which is absurd); if the latter, the prostitute should be treated as an accepted part of the social machine, until such time as a new basis can be reached, through economic and educational reform. To recognise the system and yet treat the individual unit of the system as a degraded outcast is, as your leader-writer says, the result of muddled thinking.

But as regards the abolition of brothels, your contributor is demonstrably guilty of muddled thinking himself. "In the matter of prostitution," he says, "there are those who would have every brothel closed (as is to be done here, if practicable), and the prostitute and her partner declared to be criminals of the worst type." It is plain from this that the writer has neither studied Geneva's attitude to the prostitute, nor the local situation.

The whole of modern legislation is directed towards the protection of girls from exploitation as prostitutes. Except in a few notoriously irrational states of the U.S.A., I believe I am right in saying that no one in any civilised country can be prosecuted for what used to be called *Living In Sin*. The campaign of all enlightened social experts is against the *brothel*—i.e., the organised market for exploiting prostitutes—not against the prostitute herself (unless she is considered to be making a public nuisance of herself). A woman's body is her own. To abolish brothels, and, above all, to withdraw even a semblance of Government sanction from brothel-keepers, pimps, traffickers, "pocket-mothers" and others who exploit helpless girls, is to establish the principle that a woman's body is her own—not, as your leader-writer seems to imagine, to dispute it. This gentleman surely cannot be aware that, until the recent courageous decision of the Hong Kong Government to abolish brothels, practically every prostitute in this Colony was literally a slave. The most superficial enquiry will confirm this.

"It is estimated," says the Government in its announcement to the Press, "that at least ten thousand people are directly or indirectly interested financially in organised prostitution." The trade of buying and selling girls into prostitution has been, admittedly, a very prosperous one—but not *prosperous to the prostitutes themselves*. I myself know of cases in which the girl herself never received one cent of her earnings, except in the form of necessary food and clothing, and when she became too obviously diseased to be attractive to customers, her owners turned her out of doors penniless. Your leader-writer, with his lively human sympathy, cannot seriously mean that he opposes the abolition of such a system. If he reads the Government's announcement carefully, he will find no mention of any intention to persecute the prostitutes themselves.

In Singapore, where rather similar legislation was instituted over a year ago, I am told no action—except protective action—has ever been taken in the matter of an individual prostitute—though strenuous action is being taken against brothels and traffickers. Naturally it is hoped that fewer prostitutes will enter the Colony of Hong Kong in future—i.e., when the market is spoilt, and sanction withdrawn from the parasites attached to the prostitute-market, the trade in girls will decline—not only in Hong Kong itself, but in China, where the business of buying infant girls and training them up for sale to the Hong Kong brothels has flourished for many years. Wherever brothels are registered or licensed, exploitation flourishes.

I will end this letter with a quotation from the League of Nations report on the subject—a statement made by a prostitute in Vienna, where licensed brothels had

LOAN WORKS.

Financial Proposals Carried.

NEW JAIL INCLUDED.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved resolutions that the Council approved of the expenditure, during the financial year 1932, of the following sums, (1) \$411,789 on the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme First Section, (2) \$34,000 on the Kai Tak Aerodrome Hangar, (3) \$347,000 on the Aberdeen Valley Water Scheme, (4) \$20,000 on the filters in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme, (5) \$770,000 on the Vehicular Ferry, and (6) \$800,000 on the new jail at Wong Ma Kok, the sum in each case to be met from a future loan, and meanwhile to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Secretary said in part:—

I have only to add, with regard to the last of these motions referring to the new jail at Wong Ma Kok, that Your Excellency has since received the approval of the Secretary of State for meeting the expenditure of the new jail from loan funds—I now move the first motion standing in my name.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

To Complete Work.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Before this motion is put to the meeting I should like to ask, with reference to motions numbers one, three and four, whether the amounts voted will complete the work, that is the Shing Mun Valley first section, the Aberdeen Water Scheme and the filters in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Scheme.

Hon. Director of Public Works:—

—Yes.

Hon. Director of Public Works:—

His Excellency:—It will complete the first section in all three cases.

Hon. Director of Public Works:—

—Yes.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—I do not know whether it would be possible for Government to make any statement with regard to the future progress of the work, with regard to the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme.

His Excellency:—The position with regard to the second section is that the scheme has been submitted to a Consulting Engineer, and two members of the firm have been out and have approved of it.

The question was referred to the Secretary of State in the first instance, and it was held over temporarily for that report. He expressed some views on the subject as to whether we could afford the total cost. It is a very expensive scheme but I strongly pointed out, in a dispatch which included reference to the jail, that not only was it an essential work, vital to the Colony, but that, I considered our financial position was amply good enough to permit of the scheme being proceeded with at once.

In the telegram in which the Secretary of State approved of the jail being paid for out of Dan funds, he merely stated, with regard to the second section of the scheme, that we must wait a little. I assume, therefore, from that, that if the second report is favourable, we shall be empowered to proceed with it.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Thank You, Sir.

All the motions were passed.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Colonel Myles, accompanied by members of his Staff, Majors Flood and Anderson will conduct Part I of the Ralphs' Shield Competition (Company and Stretcher Drill) at King's College, on Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Inspection of equipment, treatment of cases, and a *viva voce* examination at the discretion of the Inspecting Officers will be taken on Sunday, December 20.

been recently closed. "They threw us all out in the street about four years ago. It's much better. I wouldn't work in a house again at any price. I make good money, I am my own boss. I can walk where I want. I can pick the men I want to. Why, it was terrible in those houses. You had only one day a week off. . . . With all I worked I have, nothing to show. My board, room, and tips took it all up."

Yours, etc.,
STELLA BENSON.
Hong Kong, December 11.



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GENERAL NOTICES.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

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Tables may be booked at the Peninsula or Hong Kong Hotel. Charge for each person \$8. Payment must be made when booking tables. Tickets will be issued.

By Order,
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, December 1, 1931.

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Hong Kong, December 11, 1931.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, December 12, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

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Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. H. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, December 7, 1931.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

DAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held in Macao on SUNDAY, December 27, 1931 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Sports Club, Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, or at the offices of Messrs. Percy, Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

ENTRIES close at 12 o'clock Noon on WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1931.

Hong Kong, December 10, 1931.

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Hong Kong, December 10, 1931.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank, 4 months' sight 1/6 11/16

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On New York— Nom.

On London— 24

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Berlin 13 15/16

Stockholm 18 1/2

Copenhagen 18 1/2

Oslo 18 1/2

Vienna 28 sellers

Prague 111

Helsingfors 192 1/2 sellers

Madrid 39 1/2

Lisbon 108 1/2

Athens 250 sellers

Montevideo 31 1/2 nom.

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HAIIPHONG via Hohow.	Menado Maru	Thurs.,	24th Dec.
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NINE YEARS ON AN ISLAND.

The Japanese Navy is preparing to rescue a seaman marooned on a tiny Pacific island, 170 miles north of Saipan, in the Ladrones group. Uraji Warashina, a member of the crew of the special service ship Matsu, fell overboard in that vicinity in August 1922, and was given up for lost.

Two months ago (says the Daily Mail correspondent) a Japanese fishing boat, caught in a South Seas storm, was forced to seek shelter at an apparently uninhabited island. The crew found a modern Robinson Crusoe, who said that he was the missing Warashina.

As the fishing boat was short of food, its captain refused to take the marooned man off, promising to send rescuers later.



ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, December 9.
Atlas Maru, Japanese str., 4,511 tons, Capt. K. Ishibashi, from Singapore, Takao Dock—O.S.K.

City of Perth, British str., 4,153 tons, Capt. G. Swinney, from Chinwangtuo, buoy No. A2—Bank Line.

Tainan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B20—B. & S.

Thursday, December 10.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. D. Burleigh, from Wei-hai-wei, buoy No. B1—J. M. & Co.

Golden Mountain, American str., 3,720 tons, Capt. H. B. Hensen, from Lamit Bay—Laichikok Anchorage—States S.S. & Co.

Hopsang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cumming, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Kaga Maru, Japanese str., 3,615 tons, Capt. W. Konyama, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Kutsang, British str., 3,643 tons, Capt. W. A. Balch, from Amoy, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Santa Maru, Japanese str., 1,506 tons, Captain Miyasaki, from Haiphong, Yaumati Anchorage—M.B.K.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. K. Clark, from Swatow, buoy No. B14—B. & S.

Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Canton, buoy No. B21—B. & S.

Yusang, British str., 1,122 tons, Capt. Thompson, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22—J. M. & Co.

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, December 9.
Asama Maru, for Shanghai.

Autolyus, for Shanghai.
Baron Earlskine, for Whampoa.
Chungking, for Canton.
Daviken for Swatow.

Havana Maru, for Shanghai.
Hiroshi Maru No. 3, for Takao.
Mausang, for Sandakan.
New Mathilde, for Hoihow.

Rowena, for Canton.
Sphinx, for Shanghai.
Tai Poo Sek, for K. C. Wan.

Tsinan, for Haiphong.
Tsing Wu, for K. C. Wan.

Thursday, December 10.
Ardent, for Bangkok.

City of Perth, for Singapore.

Cremer, for Swatow.
Golden Mountain, for S. Francisco.

Hopsang, for Canton.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.

Mabilla, for Bangkok.
Pongtong, for Saigon.
Shantung, for Canton.

Sinabang, for Canton.
Song Giang, for Haiphong.
Tean, for Dairen.

Tsiaidane, for Amoy.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
Bruce—South wall.

Cornwall—No. 6 buoy.

Herald—East wall.

Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Kent—North arm.

Marazion—East wall.

Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.

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Osiris—in dock.

Perseus—in dock.

Tamar—Basin.

Sorapis—North wall.

Siridar—North wall.

Sterling—North wall.

Suffolk—West wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French gunboat.

Caronno—French despatch vessel.

Gill Eanes—Portuguese transport.

Saga—Japanese gunboat.

Pillsbury—U.S.S. destroyer.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

December 11 to 17, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard	Ht.	Standard	Ht.
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	13 46	84	13 30	12
	23 26	84	16 26	45
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	15 26	54	17 46	49
Wed. 16	10 42	71	04 49	21
	15 35	81	19 28	48
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Saigon Wong Shek Kung 10.30 a.m.
Amoy Chungking 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & "Europe via Victoria, B.C." President Madison
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CHITRAL	15,000	20th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
YASHPUR	9,000	13th Feb.	M'seiller, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
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CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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GRIM TALE OF
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Harrowing Experience.

Mutiny and attempted murder on an American steamship in the Mediterranean, the stabbing of the first officer, the shooting of a rebellious sailor, the captain's failure for mysterious reasons to complain to the American consul at either Messina or Leghorn, the flight from the ship at the latter port by three of the five passengers who possessed the means to purchase other transportation homeward—these are the gory spots of a story told by William Edmund Aughinbaugh, M.D., who has reached Berlin with a tale that rivals the best of Joseph Conrad and reflects no credit on conditions in this particular unit of the United States merchant marine.

Took Ship in Roumania.

For four months Dr. Aughinbaugh had been travelling through the Near East investigating the economic and political situation and collecting material for a book. Early in August he embarked at Constanza, on the steamship Excelsior, C. H. Wilson, captain, for New York. The Excelsior is a freighter that idles along coasts, stopping at every port for cargo and carrying a few passengers.

From the beginning, Dr. Aughinbaugh noticed peculiar relations between the officers and the American members of the crew. The food was none too good and the passengers and crew complained. The first incident came just after the Excelsior left Salonika. The crew detected an Albanian stowaway who had hidden in the hold. Captain Wilson, furious, ordered that the man be put ashore at the first land sighted.

Was Given No Food.

The crew, who declared that the ship was undermanned, wanted the stowaway taken as a sailor. The captain insisted, and on August 23 the Excelsior drew near a small Greek island too small to have a name and the stowaway was ordered to be put ashore.

Barefoot and brown-skinned, the stowaway, dressed only in a cotton shirt and trousers, was thrust into a boat. The crew muttered protests. A sailor went below and brought from the pantry a huge loaf of bread which he gave to the Albanian. Thereupon Captain Wilson, with a curse, snatched the bread from the stowaway's hands and tossed it into the sea.

The small boat departed for the barren shore of the tiny island where a single hut betrayed the existence of human beings. The stowaway would not really starve but it might be months before a passing boat would bring him to the mainland, and the captain's decision to land him was equivalent to weeks or months of banishment.

Brought Loud Curses.

The captain's seizure of the bread brought loud curses from the Excelsior's crew, whose sense of humanity was outraged.

The boat returned from the island and the Excelsior continued its trip around the southern tip of Greece, since the Corinth Canal was temporarily closed.

The next incident occurred just after the Excelsior left the Italian port of Bari in the Adriatic, when a mutiny occurred. It began as a strike. The crew complained of inhuman treatment over long hours in the pitiless sunshine. The officers' authority had sunk to zero.

On the Excelsior, the officers are quartered forward and the crew aft. At the end of the hot day the crew refused to work longer. Captain Wilson and the first, second and third officers armed themselves with revolvers and went on deck aft.

Battle on Deck.

The crew lined up and defied the officers to cross a given line. One sailor, an Irishman named Duchane, drew a long knife and said: "I'll kill any officer who crosses the line."

The officers hesitated and then the first officer named Whetmore crossed the line, revolver in hand. Duchane leaped upon him and stabbed him three times. Whetmore recoiled, bleeding heavily. Captain Wilson, with shaking hand, fired at Duchane's body and hit him in the leg.

The crew never flinched; the officers hesitated.

Finally Dining-Room Steward Joe Ryan spoke:

"Captain, if you don't go back, there'll be four dead officers on this ship. Leave this to me, and I'll arrest Duchane."

Officers Retired.

The officers retired shamefacedly to their own quarters and five minutes later Ryan appeared with Duchane's knife, saying: "He's under arrest."

Dr. Aughinbaugh dressed the wounds of the officer and the sailor. The five passengers were virtually in a panic.

When the Excelsior stopped at Messina, Captain Wilson failed to complain to the American consul, possibly because the ship was not in entire conformity with American mercantile marine law.

The Excelsior continued to Leghorn, which it reached on September 21. Dr. Aughinbaugh and the two women passengers with the means, immediately left the ship, reserving claims upon the American Export Line. Two other passengers, a man and a woman, remained, because they had not enough money to purchase a second passage home.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. Nanking, Dec. 8:

For Shanghai:—Hon. James Mackay, Mr. H. C. Resker, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. James, Mr. A. Skerf, the Misses M. M. and E. J. Clark, Miss Course, Miss V. O. Down, Mr. O. C. Smith, For Moji:—Miss K. Boydell, Mr. K. Makatnikoff, For Yokohama:—Mr. B. Rueben, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bennie and sons, Mr. J. Haesett.

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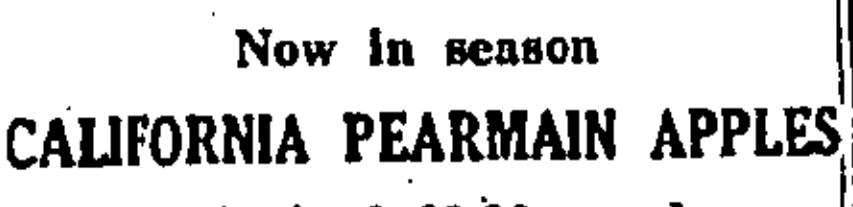
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THE GREAT LOVER



Actual ocean-bottom photography and sound recording are brought to the cinema in the story "The Sea God", which is a real man-ham melodrama of the South Sea Islands. Richard Arlen, Fay Wray and Eugene Pallette make the most of their roles. Arlen is seen in diving outfit searching the Pacific's floor for pearls when cannibals attack his ship, kill his crew, and capture his sweetheart, and mate. Cutting the line that holds him to the vessel, he walks ashore where the natives look upon the queer outfit as a god of the sea. There are lots to interest you in this picture. Arlen, at the age of sixteen, trained in the Canadian Air Force for service in France, but never had the luck to get there. He is very happily married to Jobyna Ralston. A fine type of man, and a natural actor, no wonder he has a tremendous following, as his pictures are usually full of action and packed with excitement. Specially recommended. (Central).

"The Great Lover," wherein Adolphe Menjou reverts to type as Paurel, the opera star, who breaks hearts by the score, only to have his own well cracked at the end, Menjou takes full chance of his opportunities. Irene Dunne, remembered for her magnificent performance in "Climaron," for the first time lets us hear the lovely voice that is famous on Broadway in musical comedy. Neil Hamilton and Ernest Torrence are both excellent. It is a most enjoyable film. (Queen's).

Harriet Breen, the wealthiest woman in the world, saved not only her pennies for her old age, but also her sense of humour. Here is a family picture, the supposed life story of the one time wealthiest woman Hetty Green, acted by May Robson, who has played the part for years and years on the stage. The supporting cast, James Hall, Lawrence Gray and Frances Dade, give worthy performances, but it is the star who takes the high honours. (Central).

A rarely beautiful and artistic production, even though "East Lynne" dates back to your grandmother's time, Mrs. Henry Wood's

Constance Bennett is a great show-woman. Go and see her in this; she may be better than usual. I hope so. (Central).

Ernest Lubitsch took Maurice Chevalier by the hand, and the result is "The Smiling Lieutenant." Sex and gaiety, excellent acting, pretty music, a little drama, fun suggestion—all make a perfect whole, and another success for the able director and Paramount. It is breezy entertainment. What more do you want? Wodehouse, the famous British author, made a chance remark when in Hollywood that he felt he was not earning his large salary as the stuff he wrote had no sex appeal. As I remarked last week, many adjectives have been hurled at this production, and I heard one person remark that the Censor should have "cut it to ribbons." Only one part to my mind needed the scissors—the "Flausing Folies"—better left unseen. I have seen recently in this city two films that had three-quarters of the action in bed-rooms. I have seen more films about wronged girls, and babies, till I wonder to what lengths Mr. Will Hays (who is given an enormous salary in Hollywood to keep films clean), will allow producers. I can take the children to "The Smiling Lieutenant" to see their adored Maurice Chevalier, the sex-stuff is so subtle that it remains merely suggestion. Take them to "An American Tragedy," "Common Clay," and a few more I will not name, and you are unable to answer the awkward questions. I have lived in Vienna, I have seen the original production of "The Waltz-Dream" in Germany, and believe me, Lubitsch has made his show mild. I feel so terribly inclined to make the famous remark of the King when he placed the garter. Anyhow there is no need for me to write more of this play, it is packing them in at the King's, and it is almost the universal opinion that it is as good as "The Love Parade." What higher praise can there be? I feel twice and be convinced of what I say. (King's).

There is a lot of picturesque studio stuff in Alice White's picture, "Show Girl in Hollywood." You will catch a glimpse of the trials and tribulations of a newcomer trying to get a break in the Talkies. "Give the little girl a hand." Alice does her best work to date; she has not done many Talkies, and is now, on tour in vaudeville. Jack Mulhall is good, and Blanche Sweet, does a fine bit as the old film favourite forgotten by her public. John Miljan and Ford Sterling are splendid. There are plenty of laughs in the satire on studio ways, and a little technicolour, a song or two, all help to

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make first-rate entertainment. See it at Queen's.

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Constance Bennett does the type of stuff that the shop girls and stenographers love. Like Tallulah Bankhead in London, she has an enormous following in the States of young girls who make her their ideal "dream girl." In this old-time best seller of Robert Chambers' "The Common Law," we see much the same story as all her previous successes. We are shown life in the Latin Quarter. Joel McCrea loves his model. She refuses marriage, and they live together in companionate studio bliss. It is a long time since Chambers wrote this story. His ideas have changed, but there still remains a certain appeal of the emotional kind. Constance wears gorgeous gowns sometimes. The woman is interesting. The daughter of a famous actor and actress-mother, she claims descent on her mother's side from a family of English travelling troubadours in the sixteenth century. Brought up in luxury, educated abroad, and married three times—so far—the last being a long, cherished ambition. The Marquise de la Falaise, has attained every thing—a millionaire husband, ex-husband of Gloria Swanson, then fame on the screen, and finally a title. Yes, she is an interesting study.

I do not think she can act, but somehow the public adore her, and her pictures smash box-office records. She is, by no means beautiful. Constance Bennett is a great show-woman. Go and see her in this; she may be better than usual. I hope so. (Central).

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Ernest Lubitsch took Maurice Chevalier by the hand, and the result is "The Smiling Lieutenant." Sex and gaiety, excellent acting, pretty music, a little drama, fun suggestion—all make a perfect whole, and another success for the able director and Paramount. It is breezy entertainment. What more do you want? Wodehouse, the famous British author, made a chance remark when in Hollywood that he felt he was not earning his large salary as the stuff he wrote had no sex appeal. As I remarked last week, many adjectives have been hurled at this production, and I heard one person remark that the Censor should have "cut it to ribbons." Only one part to my mind needed the scissors—the "Flausing Folies"—better left unseen. I have seen recently in this city two films that had three-quarters of the action in bed-rooms. I have seen more films about wronged girls, and babies, till I wonder to what lengths Mr. Will Hays (who is given an enormous salary in Hollywood to keep films clean), will allow producers. I can take the children to "The Smiling Lieutenant" to see their adored Maurice Chevalier, the sex-stuff is so subtle that it remains merely suggestion. Take them to "An American Tragedy," "Common Clay," and a few more I will not name, and you are unable to answer the awkward questions. I have lived in Vienna, I have seen the original production of "The Waltz-Dream" in Germany, and believe me, Lubitsch has made his show mild. I feel so terribly inclined to make the famous remark of the King when he placed the garter. Anyhow there is no need for me to write more of this play, it is packing them in at the King's, and it is almost the universal opinion that it is as good as "The Love Parade." What higher praise can there be? I feel twice and be convinced of what I say. (King's).

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There is a lot of picturesque studio stuff in Alice White's picture, "Show Girl in Hollywood." You will catch a glimpse of the trials and tribulations of a newcomer trying to get a break in the Talkies. "Give the little girl a hand." Alice does her best work to date; she has not done many Talkies, and is now, on tour in vaudeville. Jack Mulhall is good, and Blanche Sweet, does a fine bit as the old film favourite forgotten by her public. John Miljan and Ford Sterling are splendid. There are plenty of laughs in the satire on studio ways, and a little technicolour, a song or two, all help to

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Dec. 1, June, June, June, June.

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Cts. Cts. Cts. Cts. Cts.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin 牛尾兒

Prime Cut 牛頭兒

Corned 牛肉

Roast 牛肉

Breast 牛肉

Soup 牛肉

Steak 牛肉

Sausages 牛肉

Bullock's Brains 牛頭骨

Tongue, fresh 牛舌

Tongue, corned 牛舌

Head 牛頭

Heart 牛心

Hump, Salt 牛背

Feet 牛腳

Kidneys 牛腎

Tail 牛尾

Liver 牛肝

Tripe 牛肚

Calves' Head & Feet 牛仔頭

Mutton Chop 羊排

Leg 羊腿

Shoulder 羊肩

Saddle 羊鞍

Pig's Chittlings 猪心

Brains 猪脑

Foot 猪脚

Fry 猪油

Heart 猪心

Kidneys 猪肾

Liver 猪肝

Pork Chop 猪排

Leg 猪腿

Foot 猪脚

Sheep's Head & Feet 羊头

Heart 羊心

Kidneys 羊肾

Liver 羊肝

Sucking Pigs, to order 猪仔

Suet 牛油

Mutton 羊肉

Veal 牛肉

Sausages 牛肉

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Fish.

